



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) will hold a meeting that will be open to the public. Information about the HSRP and the full meeting agenda will be posted at

[http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings\\_galveston2016.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_galveston2016.htm).

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting will be held on March 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CDT; March 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and March 17, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Times are subject to change.

**LOCATION:** Galveston, Texas. For updates on the exact location, check [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings\\_galveston2016.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_galveston2016.htm).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public, and public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The times of onsite public comment periods, scheduled for each day, will be included in the draft and final agendas. Each individual or group making verbal comments will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Comments will be recorded. Individuals who would like to submit written statements should email or fax their comments to [Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov) by March 4, 2016.

The HSRP will provide webinar and teleconference capability for the public sessions.

Pre-registration is required by March 14, 2016. For instructions, go to [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings\\_galveston2016.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_galveston2016.htm)

The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, the NOAA Administrator, on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The charter and other information are located online at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/CharterBylawsHSIASatute.htm>.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The panel is convening to hear federal, state, regional and local partners and stakeholders on issues relevant to NOAA's navigation services, particularly focusing on the Texas Gulf Coast area. Navigation services include the data, products, and services provided by the NOAA programs and activities that undertake geodetic observations, gravity modeling, shoreline mapping, bathymetric mapping, hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, tide and water level observations, current observations, and marine modeling. This suite of NOAA products and services support safe and efficient navigation, resilient coasts and communities, and the nationwide positioning information infrastructure to support America's commerce.

The Panel will hear from federal agencies and non-federal organizations about their missions and their use of NOAA's navigation services; what value these services bring; and what improvements could be made. Other administrative matters may be considered. This agenda is subject to change.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to [Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov) by February 26, 2016.

Dated: \_\_January 29, 2016.\_\_\_\_\_

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